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***Raised Bill No. 5346***

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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:  
(PRI)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF ALL CONNECTICUT CHILDREN  
AND REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REPORT CARD EVALUATING STATE  
POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IMPACTING CHILDREN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) The select committee  
2       of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
3       children, in consultation with the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the Office  
4       of Legislative Research and the Commission on Children, shall  
5       maintain and review an annual report card that evaluates the progress  
6       of state policies and programs in promoting the result that all  
7       Connecticut children grow up safe, healthy and ready to lead  
8       successful lives. The first report card shall be prepared on or before  
9       January 15, 2011, and annually thereafter. Progress shall be measured  
10      by primary indicators of progress, including, but not limited to,  
11      indicators established in the final report of the Legislative Program  
12      Review and Investigations Committee prepared pursuant to the  
13      provisions of section 1 of public act 09-166, of state-wide rates of child  
14      abuse, child poverty, low birth weight, third grade reading

15 proficiency, and the annual social health index developed under  
16 section 46a-131a of the general statutes. On or before January 15, 2011,  
17 and annually thereafter, the report card shall be made available to the  
18 public on the Internet and located on the web site of the General  
19 Assembly and shall be transmitted electronically to (1) members of the  
20 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
21 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
22 and to human services, (2) the Commissioners of Children and  
23 Families, Education and Public Health, (3) the Child Advocate, (4) the  
24 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and (5) the Chief  
25 Court Administrator.

26 (b) On or before January 15, 2011, the select committee of the  
27 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in  
28 consultation with a working group of representatives of state agencies  
29 and departments, community organizations, private provider agencies  
30 operating programs that impact the well-being of children and  
31 families, parents and other caretakers of children, child advocacy  
32 organizations, health care professionals that serve children and  
33 families, schools, and child care providers, shall identify or develop  
34 (1) an indicator for measuring whether children are living with their  
35 families and have stability in their living environments, (2) secondary  
36 indicators for measuring progress within each area of children's well-  
37 being related to measuring progress in their health, safety, stability,  
38 education and future success, and (3) key measures of performance of  
39 the state child welfare system, including, but not limited to, (A) rates of  
40 repeat maltreatment among victims of child abuse and neglect; (B)  
41 placement in out-of-home care among children at risk of abuse and  
42 neglect; (C) child fatalities involving child abuse or neglect; (D) rates of  
43 reunification and permanency for children removed from their homes;  
44 and (E) the developmental and health status and educational progress  
45 of children served by the child welfare system and other appropriate  
46 measures of well-being and preparation for success in life. At least  
47 annually, the committee, with the assistance of the working group,  
48 shall review the adequacy of primary and secondary indicators,

49 system-level performance measures, and related data resources for  
50 such indicators and measures, and determine whether there are more  
51 appropriate alternatives to monitoring progress in achieving the result  
52 that children grow up safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement a recommendation of the Legislative Program and Investigations Committee concerning the application of results-based accountability principles to selected human services programs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*